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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: TREATMENT FOR COLETTE
BRUNKAN (CONGRESSMEN ASPIN AND HARSHA INTEREST)

REFS: A) MOSCOW 20261; B) AUGUST 8, 1978 STEPANOV LETTER
TO BRUNKAN

1. OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ASPIN HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT/
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING FOR MRS. BRUNKAN THE DATES
SCHEDULED BY MOH FOR HER NEXT HELMHOLTZ TREATMENT.
2. MOH NOTE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AUGUST 22 (REFTEL A) INDI-
CATES MOH ACCEPTANCE OF BRUNKAN FOR SEPTEMBER, 1978.
MRS. BRUNKAN, HOWEVER, ALSO RECEIVED LETTER FROM DR. V.
STEPANOV, MEDICAL COUNSELOR, SOVIET EMBASSY, DATED AUGUST 8.
TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

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DEAR MRS. BRUNKAN:

IN ADDITION TO YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I WOULD LIKE TO
REPEAT THAT THE MINISTRY FOR HEALTH OF THE USSR AGREED

ACCEPT YOU AS A PATIENT AT THE HELMHOLTZ EYE DISEASE

INSTITUTE IN OCTOBER 1978. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE
YOUR TRIP IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO VACATIONING PERIOD AND MANY
APPLICATIONS TO THAT INSTITUTE.

AS USUAL TREATMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU FREE OF CHARGE,
BUT TRANSPORTATION, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICE OF
INTERPRETERS SHOULD (BE) COVERED (BY) YOU.

AFTER ARRIVAL TO MOSCOW, PLEASE CONTACT THE MINISTRY FOR
HEALTH BY THIS TELEPHONE 225-26-78.

WISHING GOOD LUCK,
SINCERELY,
V. STEPANOV, M.D.
COUNSELOR ON MEDICINE

(END TEXT)

3. ON BASIS OF STEPANOV LETTER, MRS. BRUNKAN MADE DEFINITE
PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER AND WISHES TO FOLLOW
THROUGH ON THEM.

4. PLEASE VERIFY WITH MOH THAT MRS. BRUNKAN, ON BASIS OF
STEPANOV LETTER, CAN INDEED TRAVEL TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER FOR
HELMHOLTZ TREATMENT AND ADVISE ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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